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: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**
: **RESPONSE UNDER 37CFR 1.116**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE), and thus forms a Submission for consideration therewith.

The references were first cited by the European Patent Office in a corresponding foreign application search report, which identifies the relevance thereof. A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's consideration of the relevance of the cited art.

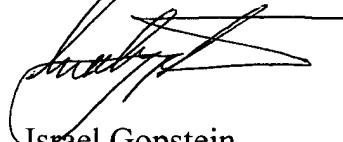
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It is noted that the search report identifies four references. However, the first two references had been cited in, and provided in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in, the patent being reissued, application Serial No. 08/455,934, on May 31, 1995. Thus, although the two references are listed on accompanying Form PTO 1449, copies are not provided herewith.

Having thus complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)-(3), it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is in order and the same is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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